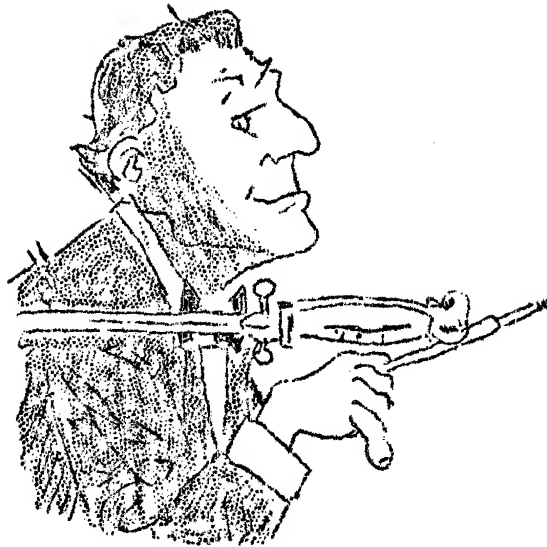


SAB 54



"No, no, John, the game is called Diplomacy. That means you try to persuade the other players to do what you want. You only use those tactics after 1905 or so."

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sTab, a tri-weekly journal of postal diplomacy, is produced at various addresses about the state by John Koning. Subscriptions are at the rate of 10 issues for \$1 (on which I lose money), and trades with other postal diplomacy magazines are most welcome.

As you note above, I am in Youngstown only on Weekends. What this means is that while you can send your moves to Youngstown, you will have to send retreats, etc., due in mid-week to my Louisville address. Also, editors of magazines in which I am a player would be well advised to send their magazines to me in Louisville... in some games I can't afford a five day delay before I get the moves.

Deadlines: sTab hereby establishes its official policy on deadlines:

Moves are due on the deadline date, which will almost without exception (in fact, read "always") fall on a Friday. If by Saturday, however, I have not printed up the issue, I will accept moves arriving in the Saturday mail delivery (while it lasts) or by phone. After the magazine is printed on Saturday I will accept no moves. After Saturday night I will accept no moves, whether the magazine is printed or not. ## All of this arise primarily from the fact that I have agreements with many players to call them collect if their moves have not arrived by deadline time, but in actuality I often don't get around to calling them until Saturday. Now, if I call players are take moves on the day after the deadline, it logically follows that I must accept moves arriving by post or phone on that same day. Therefore, while I will accept moves one day late (if the magazine is not run off) as a convenience to myself, players take a chance if they depend upon getting moves in late. I sometimes stencil the issue Friday night, and run it off Saturday morning. If so, tough luck. ## In any case, I thought you should all be warned of my eccentricities concerning deadlines. (Note that moves sent to Louisville cannot reach me on Saturday.)

Oh... one final note in regard to my Louisville address. If you call me there and cannot reach me, please do not give my landlady any messages for me (except perhaps, "_____ called and wants you to call back."), and especially don't give her any moves. She already suspects me of arcane practices.

CORRECTIONS TO STAB #53 - - - - -

1968-L-A: J. Mazon (dro F03)
G. Schelz
((not 1968C))

1968AZ-T: C. Klyver
((not C. Clyver))

1965W - Orthanc D - 1901 supply
center count:

England - 5	Italy - 3
France - 5	Austria - 2
Germany - 5	Russia - 6
Turkey - 5	

((Thanks, John McCallum))

CHANGES - - - - -

1967Z-T: G. White (out F07)

1968F-TF S. Cochran (out F06)

1968R-G: P.N. Watterson (dro S03)
disorder (out F05)
T: R. Champer (dro S03)
disorder (out F05)

NEW GAMES - - - - -

1968BB - Big Brother #10 -
Charles Reinsel ((Aug))

E - David Lebling
F - John Smythe
G - Edi Birsan
I - Don Hetsko
A - John Koning
R - Buddy Tretick
T - Bill Connelly

1968BC - Diplodeur - Robert E.
Johnson ((August))

E - E. Gerald White
F - J.L. DeWitt
G - Dick Holcombe
I - Sid Cochran, Jr.
A - William Connelly
R - Pete Rosamilia
T - J.T. Holcombe

((AHIKS game))

1968BD - Phone game - John
Beshara ((moves to be
printed in Xenogogic))

E - Peter Comber
F - Bob Komada
G - William Linden
I - Donald Berman
A - Gene Prosnitz
R - Robert Champer
T - Edi Birsan

1968BE - BC#7 - Dan Evans
((August))

E - Margaret Gemignani
F - R.D. Scott
G - Bob Kinney
I - Eduard Halle
A - Pete Rosamilia
R - George Grayson
T - Charles Reinsel

1968BF - BC#8 - Dan Evans
((August))

E - Dean Prater
F - Charles Reinsel
G - Bob Johnson
I - Larry Fong
A - Bob Kinney
R - Hal Naus
T - Doug Baker

1968BG - BC#9 - Dan Evans
((August))

E - Paul Rubin
F - Peter Rosamilia
G - Charles Reinsel
I - R.D. Scott
A - George Grayson
R - Brian Libby
T - Larry Krauter

1968BH - BC#10 - Dan Evans
((August))

E - Dean Prater
F - Edi Birsan
G - George Grayson
I - Margaret Gemignani
A - Paul Rubin
R - Bob Johnson
T - Eduard Halle

I am indebted to Hal Naus for all
information of the EC games.
Thanks, Hal!!

1968BI - BC#11 - Dan Evans
((August))

E - Larry Krauter
F - Marvin Garbis
G - Margaret Gemignani
I - Paul Rubin
A - Dean Prater
R - Edi Birsan
T - Pete Rosamilia

1968BJ - BC#12 - Dan Evans
((August))

E - Marvin Garbis
F - Eduard Halle
G - Hal Naus
I - Larry Krauter
A - Doug Baker
R - Conrad von Metzke
T - Bob Kinney

1968BL - BC#13 - Dan Evans
((August))

E - Doug Baker
F - Larry Krauter
G - R.D. Scott
I - Charles Reinse
A - Brian Libby
R - Larry Fong
T - Marvin Garbis

1968BM - BC#14 - Dan Evans
((August))

E - Hal Naus
F - Doug Baker
G - Pete Rosamilia
I - Mike Hoos
A - Marvin Garbis
R - Paul Rubin
T - Bob Johnson

1968EN - BC#15 - Dan Evans
((August))

E - Conrad von Metzke
F - Bob Kinney
G - Dean Prater
I - Marvin Garbis
A - Edi Birsan
R - Larry Krauter
T - Margaret Gemignani

1968BO - BC#16 - Dan Evans
((August))

E - Pete Rosamilia
F - Brian Libby
G - Larry Krauter
I - George Grayson
A - Bob Johnson
R - Dean Prater
T - Mike Hoos

1968BP - BC#17 - Dan Evans
((August))

E - Brian Libby
F - George Grayson
G - Mike Hoos
I - Conrad von Metzke
A - Larry Fong
R - R.D. Scott
T - Edi Birsan

1968BQ - BC#18 - Dan Evans
((August))

E - Larry Fong
F - Hal Naus
G - Paul Rubin
I - Dean Prater
A - Conrad von Metzke
R - Pete Rosamilia
T - George Grayson

1968BR - BC#19 - Dan Evans
((August))

E - R.D. Scott
F - Robert Johnson
G - Edi Birsan
I - Pete Rosamilia
A - Larry Krauter
R - Eduard Halle
T - Conrad von Metzke

One wonders how Dan Evans can carry on this many games starting all within a month or so of each other. He has more energy than I.

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You are all reminded that no invitation is required to join sTab's own attempt to inundate postal diplomacy, the Ragnarok series. Game fees are \$3 for the first game, \$1 for each game joined before the \$3 game reaches Winter 1902. Games will be bi-monthly. Write John Koning, address(es) on page 2.

sTab #III

"Spring 1908"

20 September 1968

ROLAND TZUDI KER

ENGLAND: F Nth (C) GERMAN A Lon-Den
 TURKEY: F Ion (C) A Alb-Apu; A Alb-Apu; A Ven (S) FRENCH
 A Mar-Pie; A Gre-Bul; A Smy-Ank; F Tun (S) F Ion

JOHN McCALLUM

FRANCE: F Por-Mid; A Mar-Pie; A Bur-Mun; A Hol (S) GERMAN
 A Ruh-Kie; F Helg (S) GERMAN A Ruh-Kie; F Eng (S) ENGLISH
 F Nth
 GERMANY: A Ruh-Kie; A Lon-Den; F Edi (S) ENGLISH F Nth

LARRY PEERY

RUSHER: F Sev-Bla; A War-Sil; A Ukr-Rum; A Arm-hold; A Bul (S)
A Ser; F Con-hold; A Ser (S) A Tri; A Tri (S) A Ser;
 A Tyr (S) A Tri; A Mun (S) A Kie; A Ber (S) A Kie; F Bal
 (S) A Kie; A Den (S) A Kie; A Kie (S) A Mun; F Ska (S)
 A Den; F Nwy-Nwg; F Nwg-Nat; F StP(nc)-Nwy

Underlined moves do not succeed.

DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1908" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 11 OCTOBER 1968

RALSTONSTADT (4 February 1908) The new Spring semester got under
 way here today at Ryerson College.

Dr. Peter H. Olmer welcomed new students on behalf of the College
 and announced several additional appointments to the faculty:

Professor of Peerisilavic Studies: Dr. Vytas Dukas;

Professor of Greeneological Studies: Dr. Doug "Bang-Bang" Lulu;

Professor of Mechanical Engineering: Dr. Harold Naus.

For the first time in seventy-two years the College had admitted
 an undergraduate student. The student, Jacque "The Rack" Greene,
 is transferring from Walla Walla Junior College with the approval
 of College authorities. Greene will be the subject of a number of
 studies and experiments conducted by the College's famous Institute
 of Sexual Studies, under the directorship of Dr. Ian McKinsley and
 Dr. Minos Generales (P.D. University of Athens, 1901). Just what the
 content and nature of those studies and experiments will be depends
 on how long the game lasts. However, Dr. McKinsley did announce
 the Institute had ordered ten thousand blue mini-towels, four hun-
 dred square yards of greene and blue paisley flannel, six Mustangs
 gone in baby blue, and three sets of barbells.

Dr. John B. Bourke will deliver the first lecture of the season
 next issue on "THE INFLUENCE OF SCOTCH WHISKEY OF THE FRINKIPO
 CONFERENCE." This should be a high-light of the academic year and
 may surpass Dr. Bourke's Peery Prize-winning lecture "ON THE USE OF
 OLD GRAUSTARKS AS A STUDY TOOL FOR THE PRE-ENLIGHTENMENT STUDY OF
 BARBARIAN TRIBES OF BROOKLYN."

ST. PEERIGRAD (17 March 1908) Her Imperial Majesty the Empress announced today that Russia had concluded a series of treaties and protocols with a variety of nations establishing a GREATER PEERIAN PEACE AND CO-PROSPERITY SPHERE. Signing a variety of documents in the Kremlin were: His Excellency Mohammed Didi Ist of the Maldivo Islands; Signor Illustrio Magnifico of San Marino; Jose Juan Flencaciano of Andorra; and Nattie Bumpo of the Five Tribes Confederation of North America. The Pact is expected to make Russia the world's strongest power, as well as giving her complete control of the affairs of Periland; Tyler, Texas; Pasadena, California; and Youngstown, Ohio.

LOUISVILLE, OHIO (DWE) Help! We are holding out against Peerl the Terrible, but we cannot last long.

INTERNATIONAL PEERIPORT (2 February 1908) Gen. Keith "Red Dog" Polanski and Dr. Werner von Peerinut, Directors of the International Peeriport today announced that Earth's first mission into the more distant reaches of outer space had been successful with the landing of WHOOPEEE DOO Ist Peritune. After a six month journey of more than 300 million miles the craft reached its target exactly on schedule. Aboard the craft were Command Pilot Derek Nelson, Navigator John Koning, and Chief Brewer Robert Lake. By direction of Premier Levi Eskibibble of Perilland all three men have been awarded Periland's highest decoration: The Greene Badge of Courage. Peericentral has released the following recording of the actual landing on Peeritune:

NELSON: "Prepare for landing in six seconds."

KONING: "Six, Five, Four..... Chief, what comes next?"

LAKE: "Three, stupid!"

NELSON: "Forget it, we're down."

KONING: "Thank God, maybe I can get out of this damn trap."

NELSON: "Secure all systems. Put away the bottles. Pick up the Diplomacy board pieces. You missed an English fleet, Laker. It's under the ejection seat."

LAKE: "Yes, I see it..."

NELSON: "That damn fool. If I've told him once, I've told him a hundred times: Look before you pull."

KONING: "I suppose we have to go get him."

NELSON: "You want to?"

KONING: "It's easier than filling out the reports on what happened to him."

NELSON: "Right."

LAKE: "Help... hey, wait a minute."

NELSON: "What's the matter? Forget your parachute?"

LAKE: "This isn't so bad. It's kind of nice. Cheee... the first man of Peeritune... whooooowweeeeee."

KONING: "What's it like?"

LAKE: "Not bad, if you like bright colors. The ski is bright Greene with blue streaks and clouds. The surface is kind of a s---y brown, like old Graustarks. There are hills, and the whole surface is covered with large blocks of shinning stuff. They are all different colors: blue, red, yellow, greene, and even a few pink ones. Funny, they don't seem to be anything. Just large blocks.

There are two kinds though. Large tall skinny ones and shorter fat ones. They've got four sides, but they are kind of rounded off so they aren't really square."

NELSON: "Can you tell what they are for?..."

LAKE: "Not really, but I'll go closer and see..."

(Later)

LAKE: "Commander?"

NELSON: "Yes?"

LAKE: "I'm here."

NELSON: "Yes, so what? What do you see?"

LAKE: "Well... (in a quiet, subdued, emotional tone). I don't really believe it...."

KONING: "What are they?"

LAKE: "They are definitely large blocks and appear to be some kind of monuments. They are about 200 feet high and 50 or 100 feet wide. They are mostly the same except for the carving on them..."

NELSON: "What kind of carving?"

LAKE: "Some kind of inscription. I can't really read it. It looks like ancient Peerimaic to me but I can't read it."

NELSON: "Flash some of it up on your Peeriscanner."

LAKE: "Here's one. It's red and one of the shorter ones. It is pretty well battered and cracked all along one side. Even a corner is knocked off. Across the top it reads: 'C-O-N-R-A-D..' Got that?"

NELSON: "Yea, go on."

LAKE: "'V-O-N...M-E-T-Z-K-E.'"

NELSON: "HMMMMM? Wonder what that means?"

KONING: "Why don't we feed it into our super-Turnervac? If its known to human knowledge that will tell us."

NELSON: "Good idea. Go ahead."

LAKE: "There's more, commander."

NELSON: "Let's have it."

LAKE: "Below that there's this: 'C-O-S-T-A...' and then it fades away. Below that is: '1(\$%-@)%' and then a long list of letters and numbers: '¢¢D, ¢ & O, ¢ & 45, ¢* O, 'a whole list. It's funny but they all have lines drawn through them. At the bottom it says: 'CHI SPIEGAR PUO IL MIO CORDOGLIO?' Wonder what that means? Oh yea, at the very bottom it says: 'SIC TRANSIT PEERISITES.'"

NELSON: "Very strange."

KONING: "Commander, the Turnervac has a read-out."

NELSON: "What?"

KONING: "'Does not compute.'"

NELSON: "Great"

KONING: "It's a start."

NELSON: "Can you read any more?"

LAKE: "Yea, there's one over here. It's sort of like the other one except that it's green and blue. There's a large picture of a dog on it, looks like it's dancing. Must be one of their gods... And beneath it says: 'D-I-S-T-I-N-G-U-I-S-H-E-D C-O-M-B-A-T H-E-R-O.'"

"Here's another one. This is a big one. At the top it says 'E-R-I-C P-L-A-K-E' and beneath that there is a big looped circle with a period under it, sort of like a question mark. Under that there is a circle with three lines meeting in the center and dividing it into three parts."

LAKE: "And this one is sure funny. It's got the longest list of all and it's got a picture of a bunch of stringy lines, sort of like noodles. Strange... and at the top: 'P-E-G-G-Y?'"

"This one is blue and skinnier than the rest. Not much on it except 'L-O-S-T T-O P-E-E-R-I F-I-R-E...'"

NELSON: "Well, we'll feed it all into the Turnervac."

LAKE: "Commander?"

NELSON: "Yes?"

LAKE: "It sounds sort of strange, but I feel like I'm in a graveyard, the way it's so quiet, and everything so peaceful and calm. It's as if this whole planet were a big graveyard for bigger-than-people people. Sort of like Valhalla was supposed to be, I think..."

NELSON: "We'll feed that in too."

KONING: "Commander. Turnervac is turned on! It's got a feedout."

QUOTE: "PEERITUNE IS BELIEVED TO BE THE LEGENDARY HOME OF A GROUP OF SUPER-HEROES FROM EARLIER EARTH MYTHOLOGY, DATING FROM THE EARLY 1900's. ALTHOUGH NO PROOF HAS EXISTED UNTIL THIS TIME IT IS RECORDED IN THE PEERISTIC PAPERS THAT FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD-WIDE PEERIOCRACY IN 1923, THOUSANDS OF EARTHLINGS FLED THE PLANET TAKING WITH THEM THEIR WAR DEAD TO BE BURIED IN ANOTHER UN-CONTAMINATED PLACE. THIS STORY HAS BEEN DENIED BY THE OFFICIAL PEERIGRAPHIC HISTORIES (Vol. CLXXXVIII p. 13245) BUT REMAINS PART OF EARTH MYTHOLOGY. TURNERVAC DETERMINES YOU HAVE LOCATED THE REMAINS OF PART OF THIS EXPEDITION WHICH LEFT SOME 45 YEARS AGO, SPECIFICALLY YOU HAVE FOUND EVIDENCE OF PEERINAUTS VON METZKE, BLAKE, GEMIGNANI, AND POSSIBLY GREENE. THE DOG IS BELIEVED TO BE THE HERO OF THE ANTI-PEERI MOVEMENT, SNOOPY. IF YOUR DISCOVERY IS CORRECT YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO ABANDON YOUR PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS AND CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR OTHERS REMAINS. LOVE AND KISSES, TV."

NELSON: "Well. Break out the shovels."

Has the brave trio really found the Valhalla of Diplomacy? If so, is this report in the wrong magazine? Will they find other heroes? Did any survive the trip? Who built the monuments? Who is the large block with no inscription for? Will other expeditions leave the International Peeriport? What will they find?

Who knows? Who cares? Stay turned on for the further adventures of NELSON, KONING, AND LAKE, the Beer-Wonders.

--- sTab #V

--- "Winter 1904"

--- 20 September 1968

--- NOTE: Omitted from the "Fall 1904" orders was the unsuccessful Russian move "A Pru-War."

HAL NAUS

ENGLAND: Build Fleet London

FRANCE: Retreating Fleet Gulf of Lyon is destroyed. Army Piedmont retreats to Marseilles. Builds Army Paris

DEREK NELSON

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GERMANY: Remove Army Belgium

AUSTRIA: A Galicia retreats to Vienna.

* National City, Calif.

* 92050

JOHN SMYTHE

RUSSIA: Build Army Warsaw, Army Sevastapol.

DEADLINE FOR "SPRING 1905" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 11 OCTOBER 1968

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#80/ SVG #30

"Spring 1912, Game III"

20 September 1968

A U S T R I A N S L O S E I O N I A N S E A

ENGLISH RESHUFFLE FORCES

ENGLAND: F Mid-WMed; A Swe-Fin; A Hol (S) GERMAN A Kie; F Bro-Eng;
 (Pournelle) A Bur-Mun; F Bal-Lvn; F Nwy (S) RUSSIAN A StP;
 F Both (S) RUSSIAN A StP

GERMANY: A Kie (S) A Ruh; A Ruh (S) A Kie
 (Latimer)

ITALY: F Tun-Ion; F Tyrr (S) F Tun-Ion; F Nap (S) F Tun-Ion;
 (Clark) F Apu (S) F Tun-Ion; A Ven (S) A Pie-Tyr; A Pie-Tyr;
 A Tus (S) A Ven; F Lyon doesn't do nothing this time
 neither.

AUSTRIA: F Alb-Adr; F EMed (S) F Ion; F Gre (S) F Ion; F Ion (S)
 (Smythe) F Alb-Adr; A Mos (S) A Lvn; A Lvn (S) RUSSIAN A StP;
 A War (S) A Lvn; A Pru (S) A Ber; A Ber (S) GERMAN A Kie;
 A Mun (S) GERMAN A Kie; A Sil (S) A Mun; A Boh (S) A Mun;
 A Tyr (S) A Tri-Ven; A Vie (S) A Tyr; A Tri-Ven

RUSSIA: A StP stands and strikes terror into the hearts of all.
 (Nelson)

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian Fleet Ionian is routed, and may retreat to either Albania, the Aegean, or off the board. This retreat should accompany the "Fall 1912" orders, which may be made conditional upon it.

DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1912" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 11 OCTOBER 1968

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

James W. Latimer III
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 No. Andover, Mass. 01845

PIEDMONT "It's a trap, It's a trap, we'll be suffocated by the stench," chanted long lines of flyboys as the Italian Airforce enplaned for Peerigrad.

FROM THE ISENZO RIVER SECTOR: The massive Austrian and Italian Fall offensives have been crushed. The Austrians' drive on Venice shattered on the seemingly impregnable fortress surrounding the ancient city of the Doges. Again casualties are very low, 2 killed (one by drowning while swimming at a local spa and another when bitten by a dog) and 39 injured. When the High Command was questioned about the losses, one General (whose name will not be given) replied, "The men are well aware of the sophistication of the Italian defenses protecting Venice, as are the Italians. So neither side will waste men and material to contest the neutral area between the Isonzo and Venice. Twice a year we march to Venice, and twice a year we march back. Everyone enjoys the scenery and the exercise. Besides, the Italian merchants and local female entrepreneurs do a booming tourist business. The five hundred thousand soldiers we employ can make a sizable contribution to their local economy."

In Tyrolia the fighting was more severe. On the snow covered slopes of the Austrian Alps four Italian soldiers were killed in various ski contests, while numerous others were injured. No Austrian losses were reported as the Austrian Army again beat the finest Italian winter athletes 402 to 69. All the gold and silver medals for heroism were captures by the Austrians' superb performance. The Austrian High Command is looking forward to the next Italian offensive. Generals (again, names will be withheld) are most enthusiastic about Austria's chances for yet another victory. It seems the whole Austrian team will be returning since their enllstment has been extended due to the current national emergency.

A PIZZA ON THE ADRIATIC: The Naval Ministry just released a most astounding statement. The Austrians succeeded in winning the Annual Ionian Fishing Tournament. Since the Italians are justly famous for their prowess as catchers of fish, no one expected the Austrians to make a strong showing, let alone win the tournament. Congratulations to the brave sailors of Austria. The Fishing Fleet is expected to make port shortly.

VIENNA The Austrian Naval Ministry and the International Union of Fish Monters have offered to supply life jackets to the Italian sailors. As one union leader stated, "We cannot have these poor brave men going to a watery grave."

- - - - - "Fall 1904, Game IV" - - - - -

FRANCE DISAPPEARS

FIRST GREAT POWER FALLS

Autumn 1904: Turkish F Ionian retreats to Eastern Med.

ENGLAND: F Eng (S) GERMAN A Pic-Bre; F Nth-Hol; A Den-hold;
(Koalenz) A Nwy-Swe; F Bar-Neg; A StP-Mos

GERMANY: F Swe-Bal; A Sil-War; A Par (S) A Pic-Ere; A Pic-Bre;
(Smythe) A Kie-Hol

ITALY: F Mid-Gas; A Apu-Ven; A Mar-Gas; A Pie (S) A Apu-Ven;
(Prosnitz) F Ion-Aeg; F Tyrr-Ion; F WMed-hold

AUSTRIA: A Bul (S) A Ser-Gre; A Ser-Gre; F Alb (S) A Ser-Gre;
(Tzudiker) A Bud (S) A Vie-Gal; A Vie-Gal

RUSSIA: F Helg-Hol; A Mos-Sev; A Ukr-War; A Gal-War
(Ward)

TURKEY: F Bla (S) F Rum-Bul(ec); A Sev (S) RUSSIAN A Ukr-Rum;
(Kuch) A Con (S) F Rum-Bul(ec); F Gre-Aeg; F EMed (S) F Gre-Aeg

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian Army Bulgaria is re-treated to Serbia. The Russian Army Galkcia may retreat to either Rumania or Bohemia. This retreat should be submitted by Wednesday, 2 October 1968 (to Louisville). At this time the Austrian Player may also exercise his option to remove rather than retreat the Army Bulgaria.

DEADLINE FOR "AUTUMN 1904" RETREAT IS WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER 1968
DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1904" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 11 OCTOBER 1968

BUILDS:

ENGLAND: Lon, Lvp, Ed1, Nwy, StP, Brø, Den, Swe ((7)) Build ONE

FRANCE: ~~Par~~ ((OUT))

GERMANY: Ber, Kie, Mun, Hol, Bel, Par, Bre ((7)) Build TWO

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Mar, Par, Spa ((7)) No change

AUSTRIA: Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, ~~Bul~~, Gre ((5)) No change

RUSSIA: Mos, War, ~~Swe~~, ~~Den~~ ((2)) Remove TWO ((will have 3, and remove only ONE if retreat A Gal-Rum))

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy, Sev, Rum, ~~Brø~~, Bul ((6)) No change ((will have 5, and remove ONE if Russia retreats to Rumania))

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Denver, Colorado 80215

Robert J. Ward
629th Med Co, CLR
Fort Ord, Calif.

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CONSTANTINOPLE: The Turkish Second Army was discovered today, hiding in the Sultan's harem, by a Lebanese named Abdul Beshara. What Beshara was doing in the harem is at present unknown, but the Army claimed it was conducting Islam's First Ecumenical Council; the harem girls confirmed this with great heat.

CONSTANTINOPLE: The director of the Sultan's Data Processing Center, Allah Ben Had, was today beheaded because an error in one of his computer programs had caused the defection

of the Second Army to go unnoticed. The program which keeps track of military personnel and pays them contained the Cobol statement IF NUMBER-OF-ARMIES LESS THAN 2 DISPLAY "ONE OF OUR ARMIES IS MISSING." IF NUMBER-OF-ARMIES LESS THAN 1 DISPLAY "ALL OF OUR ARMIES ARE MISSING." The machine code for this statement had been replaced by a hexadecimal patch, the object of which was to double the paycheck of Allah Ben Had.

ATHENS: We shall return.

BUCHURESTI: We shall return.

CONSTANTINOPLE: We appeal to the English, the Germans, and anyone else who may be listening, to attack the Italians as soon as possible. We are even prepared to cooperate with Austria if she will turn on Italy.

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Game 1967A

"Fall 1909, Game III"

20 September 1968

E N G L A N D P U S H E S T O V I C T O R Y

S E I Z U R E O F F R E N C H C E N T E R S T U R N S T R I C K

ENGLAND: F StP(sc)-Both; F Nth (C) A Yor-Bel; F Eng (S) A Yor-Bel; (Zelazny) F Mid-Bre; F Tyr-Lyon; F Adr (S) A Rom-Ven; F Gre (S) F Aeg-Bul(sc); A War-Mos; A Yor-Bel; A Wal-hold; F Spa(sc) -Mar; A Rom-Ven; F Aeg-Bul(sc); F Ion (S) F Gre

FRANCE: A Bur-Pic; A Gas (S) A Bre; A Bre (S) A Bur-Pic; (Turner) A Ven-Tri; A Tyr (S) A Ven-Tri; A Vie-Bud; A Gal-Rum; A Sev (S) A Gal-Rum; A Kie-Den; F Smy-hold; A Ank-hold ((both unordered)); F Con (S) ENGLISH F Aeg-Bul(sc)

AUSTRIA: A Alb-Gre; A Ukr (S) A Bud-Rum; A Tri-Bud; A Bud-Rum; (Francis) F Bul(sc) (S) A Alb-Gre; A Ser (S) A Alb-Gre

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian Fleet Bulgaria and Army Trieste are both annihilated. As the supply center chart below shows, England will, after the "Winter 1909" builds, have 17 of the 33 pieces on the board, and therefore wins the game. (Congratulations, Monte, on your third win!) A chart and summary will appear in sTab #55.

SUPPLY CENTERS:

ENGLAND: Lvp, Edi, Nwy, StP, Hel, ~~Per~~, Tun, Swe, Lon, Spa, Nap, Rom, Per, Gre, Bul, Mar, Ven, Mos, Bel ((18)) Can build only THREE

FRANCE: Par, Bre, ~~Mos~~, ~~Bel~~, Mun, ~~Ven~~, Kie, Smy, Ank, Ber, Tri, War, ~~Mos~~, Vie, Con, Den ((12)) Build ONE

AUSTRIA: ~~Vie~~, Bud, Ser, Rum, Sev, ~~Bel~~ ((4)) No change ((Build moves on pg. 13))

----- "Winter 1909, Game III" -----

ENGLAND: Build Army London, Army Edinburgh, Army Liverpool
(Zelazny)

FRANCE: Build Army Paris
(Turner)

As remarked on page 12, this gives England a majority (17/33) of the pieces on the board, and victory. Summary in #55.

----- "Fall 1901, Game IV" -----

G E R M A N Y, R U S S I A, A U S T R I A B I G W I N N E R S
PORTUGAL, NORWAY REMAIN NEUTRAL

ENGLAND: A Yor-Bel; F Nth (C) A Yor-Bel; F Eng-Mid
(M. Thomson)

FRANCE: F Bre-Eng; A Bur-Mar; A Mar-Spa
(Naus)

GERMANY: F Hol-hold; A Kie-Den; A Mun-hold
(Koalenz)

ITALY: A Pie (S) A Ven; A Ven (S) A Pie; F Ion-Tun
(Greene)

AUSTRIA: A Tri-hold; A Ser (S) F Alb-Gre; F Alb-Gre
(Cochran)

RUSSIA: A Ukr-Rum; F Bla (S) A Ukr-Rum; A StP-Fin; F Both-Swe
(Nelson)

TURKEY: F Con-Aeg; A Bul-Gre; A Smy-Con
(Clark)

Underlined moves do not succeed.

----- DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1904" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 11 OCTOBER 1968 -----

BUILDS:

ENGLAND: Lon, Lvp, Edi, Bel ((4)) Build ONE
FRANCE: Par, Mar, Bre, Spa ((4)) Build ONE
GERMANY: Ber, Mun, Kie, Hol, Den ((5)) Build TWO
ITALY: Rom, Ven, Nap, Tun ((4)) Build ONE
AUSTRIA: Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Gre ((5)) Build TWO
RUSSIA: Mos, War, StP, Sev, Rum, Swe ((6)) Build TWO
TURKEY: Con, Ank, Smy, Bul ((4)) Build ONE

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ROME Duca Greene set the forthcoming election for December 29th, 1901. The Duca's Party, Royalist-Republican (neutralist) is expected to sweep the country, seeing as how Italia has not as yet been raped. The Liberal pro German-Anti Swiss Party is expected to make substantial gains. The big loser should be the Peeryites, lead by Duca Peery. This faction-ridden Party is unable to decide who should be attacked and anyway the people of Italia want peace.

MESSINA Humbert I informed the Austrian Ambassador that he had every right to beware of perfidious Italian actions.

"Yet, where once my soul was black like Kening or Peery, today I can't go against the most major policy idea of my Empire."

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"Winter 1909, Game H"

20 September 1968

GERMANS RAISE ELEVENTH ARMY

AUSTRIANS WINTER IN TRIESTE

GERMANY: Build Army Munich
(M. Thomson)

AUSTRIA: Army Tyrolia retreats to Trieste
(Reinsel)

DEADLINE FOR "SPRING 1910" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 11 OCTOBER 1968

Interim, Game L

My apologies to all players. The game will be delayed until Ken Davidson can submit his orders. Ken will shortly be leaving Denmark for Canada, during which time he has asked that John A. McCallum ("A Qtrs," S. E. S., Ralston, Alberta, Canada) submit orders for him. As soon as I receive Ken's "Fall 1901" orders I will run off the moves and send them out. If McCallum consents to move for Ken, he will probably make the "Winter 1901" and "Spring 1902" moves for England (unless Davidson includes conditional builds with his Fall moves). ((Denmark is too far for me to phone.))

MISSIF:

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I do not normally write letters to the editor, because they normally don't print them. Of course, if you print this one, it will probably be so full of typos that nobody will be able to understand it. But I'll forgive you, John -- after all, I'm going to be giving

you ~~may~~ ~~have~~ another meal at my place, and it will be especially prepared by a certain Italian friend of mine if you're not careful. ((This letter was written before my visit in August.))

What is all this nonsense about (yeck) beer? All beer means to me is some local company that advertises that a certain kind of hops put their beer "one jump" ahead of the others. Olympia beer advertises, "It's the water," which leads me to take bottled water when I go to Washington. Most beer tastes like it's been processed through a horse, and the rest of it is worse. ((I do not have the experience to make such comparisons, but if you do...)) I'd rather have warm coke -- or even hot Dr. Pepper. So much for beer.

You really ought to devote your pages to something of national significance. Gentlemen, I give you: the orange. I will soon be in Southern California, and (as everybody knows) the only oranges worth eating are grown in California and our outlying province of Arizona. I will give you a progress report on the latest crop when I get back. ((Well???)

Incidentally, some puny, sour ersatz oranges are grown in Florida, but they are so small in size and horrible in appearance that they are instantly pulped into juice. Having had such juice, I can assure you that it is no improvement. I understand that there is a movement afoot to improve Florida oranges by importing California orange seeds into Florida, smuggled in the craws of Georgia chickens. We have foiled this plot by enlisting the aid of the Sovereign State of Georgia (with whom we maintain diplomatic relations, unlike the rebel state of Florida), and California seeds are as yet unsullied by Florida dirt (we have "soil;" they have "dirt") (actually it's just a mixture of sand and swamp muck).

Ah, the sweet tang of a freshly peeled or freshly squeezed California orange. Also our kumquats, tangerines, and lemons are much superior. I will have to admit that that bunch of water rustlers in Arizona raise better grapefruit. But they do it with our water!

Now that you are all aware of the natural superiority of Californian agriculture, you may go back to your paltry debate on that totally unpotable brew.

P.S. -- I can't believe you can't get Coors in this utter backwater. It's the finest ~~water~~ ~~of~~ uh, beer made in the world (so I'm told by somebody or other). Well, I'm no specialist in that sort of thing. We still like you, John, so we'll bring you some back down Jacob's ladder (how else does one get to California?). ((You did, and it was delicious, though I must admit that even to Coors I prefer Rolling Rock.))

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I suppose I ought to reply to the editorials in the last two issues of BIG BROTHER ((printed in STAB #53)), although I'd really rather be typing the Rules of Parliament.

This reply will be printed as is in the next issue of Lonely Mountain, together with any reply Reinsel wishes to make, and any comments anyone else wishes to make.

First, I want to apologize for the intemperate language of the letter that was printed in STAB ((#52)). It serves no purpose. The editorial in IM #43 presents my position much more coherently. ((excerpts from said editorial appear in STAB #53.))

Now here are some points I wish to make concerning Reinsel's editorials:

(1) Neither the letter nor the editorial was an attempt to make "Moralistic excuses" for my ruining the Winter's Game. I take the entire blame for that, as I said.

(2) Although I share the blame for ruining the Gamesmaster's Game, so do four of the other six players who also missed three moves. ((Brannan, Bounds, Chalker, von Metzke))

(3) It is true that Reinsel warned us a long time ago about sending telegrams to Clarion, a fact which I had forgotten when I wrote the letter and which I corrected in the editorial. I do not understand why Reinsel jumps to the conclusion that I was lying, when he is perfectly aware that I am forgetful (in fact he says so himself).

(4) It is an exaggeration to say I take weeks or months to get a move out. I rarely take more than 10 days. Once, in 1965P, I postponed the game for several months, telling all the players that I was going so, because of a terrible personal tragedy of one of the players. I would do the same for Charles Reinsel.

(5) It is also true that Reinsel announced the rule about publishing early if all the moves are in early at the beginning of his first game. I had also forgotten this. Again, I was not deliberately lying, and I corrected my statement in the editorial.

(6) It is true that I, too, will publish moves early if I get them early. However, my players have an out not open to Reinsel's players: if they mark a move "tentative" I will wait out the deadline.

(7) In Reinsel's games, if you miss three moves during the course of a game, your units hold thereafter, no matter how many there are. In my games, if you miss two moves within two years you are replaced by another player. It seems obvious to me that, contrary to what Reinsel says, my rule is MUCH less stringent than his, and, more important, distorts the game less. (Not that I'm entirely happy with my rule -- I intend to use McCallum's system in future games.)

(8) I do indeed accept moves after the deadline if I haven't typed the game up yet. From anyone, without playing favorites. Reinsel evidently thinks this is immoral. It's a free country.

(9) Every time I make Charles Reinsel mad he repeats that (true) story about me claiming to have mailed him some moves which (we discovered while he was here one day) were sitting on my dresser all the time. I think I had better pull another stupid trick so you people can read a new story. What has it to do with my critique of his postal rules?

(10) Reinsel quotes me as saying his rating system is the best. Well, I still think so. Neither in the letter nor in the editorial did I criticize his rating system.

(11) I am quite aware that adopting my recommendation that those BB games in which large numbers of units are in civil disorder be stricken from the rating lists would improve my own ratings under any rating system I am aware of (more with some than with others). ((It would also provide a means whereby any player losing a game in a magazine without a replacement player policy could bar that game from the rating lists.)) I said so in my editorial. This

means that in the interest of Morality, Fair Play, or what have you, that I should not push for or campaign for my own recommendation, and I'm not going to.

(12) I never "insisted" that Clarion, Pa., was 350 miles from Cleveland. Read my editorial again.

(13) I do not break rules which have a purpose. You won't find me bribing or lying to Gamesmasters or poking the pieces around on the board when no one is looking, because they would ruin the game for no purpose, and because people would not want to play with me again. I am not a poor sport.

(14) I think the Beardman-Blake hoax was neat, although I am aware that he ruined a postal game in the process. If I had been another player in the game I would have thought that being so thoroughly fooled was great fun and worth ruining the game. I have since come to find out, however, that many players take game-playing much more seriously than that. I now would not pull a stunt like Beardman pulled because I know this about games players. (I do not play any games except Diplomacy, except a little Hearts, and until I became a Diplomacy player I did not know any serious games hobbyists and was not aware of how big a part of their lives their games were.)

(15) I am a pretty good math teacher.

GENE PROSNITZ, 200 Clinton St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 I've already expressed my opposition (in Brob) to the failure to replace people who drop a country. In Xenogogic X-1, England and Turkey are in a close end-game battle. However, England would have won easily if not for the fact that Austria dropped out with about five pieces and was never replaced, permitting Turkey to roll through the Balkans unimpeded. Obviously, it was unfair to penalize England for Austria's drop out (I'm England, naturally).

I think it's very bad practice to accept late moves, unless they are postmarked before the deadline. In New York, we frequently call each other up after the deadline and tell our "enemy" our moves. This would be disastrous if he could still make a phone call and change them. ((Then obviously, if you are playing in a magazine that is known to accept moves after the deadline -- like LM, Erehwon or STAB -- it is necessary for you to practice restraint and not call up your enemy and tell him your moves. That seems an easier solution than rearranging the practices of many gamesmasters.))

As a tournament bridge player, the comment praising the master point system really got my goat. The master point system is a commercial gimmick to make incompetent bridge players think they've achieved something. There are six different rankings, the highest being life master. The analogy would be if there were six different educational degrees, the highest being high school graduate.

Master points are awarded for doing well in tournaments, but you don't lose any for playing and doing badly. The result is that the more you play, and the older you are, the more master points you have. To be a life master you need 300 points. There are 10,000 bridge players in that category, most of whom I would categorize as hopelessly incompetent. The idea is that any palooka who plays bridge long enough can get 300 points, at which time the bridge

league makes a big fuss over him, so the duffer is encouraged to spend hundreds of dollars at local clubs to get the points.

(Incidentally, this isn't sour grapes, since I have about 1200 points myself. Tom Griffin has about the same, and John Eoshara, who is equally good but plays a lot less, has about half that.)

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Wade Hampton Johnston, Peery to the contrary, is not Dygert, but Richard Gadsden. Proof: they have the same address, which "Johnston" unwisely gave me, heh heh.

However, I have unearthed a gigantic conspiracy: Boardman, Walker, and Peery are all one and the same. Everyone who has met "both" comments that Walker and Boardman look exactly alike; but who has ever seen them together? Note the violent political controversy between Boardman and Walker paralleling that between Boardman and Blake, as does the Walker-Peery feud. Finally, Walker recently sent me a letter on San Diego State College Stationery.

By the way, I resent the insinuations of Peery/Walker/Boardman that I am Boardman. Equally ridiculous is the claim that Margaret Gemignani is Boardman; Margaret Gemignani cannot possibly be anyone but Margaret Gemignani.

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NOTE: Rod Walker announces that all his publications (at least, that's what he calls them) will be delayed for a few weeks which they drag a vat of cleaning fluid in search of his mimeograph. While most players knew this already, subbers and trades may become anxious (an immodest fear, I should say, Rodney).

That finishes another too-large issue. Send your comments on oranges (oranges?), rules, games, beer, etc. in for the next issue. Note the addresses on page 2, and the conditions under which each is to be used. Players should send moves to Youngstown. Editors in whose magazines I play should send them to Louisville. Hail! jgk

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